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## **Superintendent's Compendium**

Of Designations, Closures, Permit  
Requirements and Other Restrictions  
Imposed Under Discretionary Authority.

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### **A. INTRODUCTION**

#### **1. Superintendent's Compendium Described**

The Superintendent's Compendium is the summary of park specific rules implemented under 36 Code of Federal Regulations (36 CFR). It serves as public notice, identifies areas closed for public use, provides a list of activities requiring either a Special Use Permit or reservation, and elaborates on public use and resource protection regulations pertaining specifically to the administration of the park. The Superintendent's Compendium does not repeat regulations found in 36 CFR and other United States Code and CFR Titles, which are enforced without further elaboration at the park level.

The regulations contained in 36 CFR, Parts 1-7, are the basic mechanism used by the National Park Service (NPS) to preserve and protect the natural and cultural resources of the park and to protect visitors and property within the park. Parts 1 through 6 are general regulations applicable to all areas of the National Park System, and Part 7 contains special regulations specific to individual parks. Each of these Parts has many sections and subsections articulating specific provisions. Within some of these Part 1-7 sections and subsections, the Superintendent is granted discretionary authority to develop local rules to be responsive to the needs of a specific park resource or activity, park plan, program, and/or special needs of the general public.

As an example, 36 CFR 1.5(a) *Closures and Public Use Limits* provides the Superintendent certain discretion in allowing or disallowing certain activities. The authority granted by the Section, however, requires the Superintendent to comply with the Administrative Procedures Act (6 USC Section 551), which requires public notice on actions with major impact on visitor use patterns, park resources or those that are highly controversial in nature.

Another example is 36 CFR 1.6 *Permits*, which allows the Superintendent to require a permit for certain uses and activities in the park. This Section, however, requires that a list of activities needing a permit (and a fee schedule for the various types of permits) be maintained by the park.

A final example is 36 CFR 2.1(c) (1) *Preservation of Natural, Cultural and Archeological Resources*, which provides the Superintendent the authority to designate certain fruits, nuts, berries or unoccupied seashells which may be gathered by hand for personal use or consumption. This activity can occur, however, only if a written determination shows that the allowed activity does not adversely affect park wildlife, the reproductive potential of a plant species, or otherwise adversely affect park resources.

This Compendium should be used in conjunction with Title 36 CFR, Parts 1-7, to more fully understand the regulations governing the use and enjoyment of all the areas of the National Park System.

A copy of Title 36 CFR can be purchased from the U.S. Government Printing Office at:

Superintendent of Documents  
P.O. Box 371954  
Pittsburgh, PA 15250-7954

The CFR is also available on the Internet at:

[http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/waisidx\\_05/36cfrv1\\_05.html](http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/waisidx_05/36cfrv1_05.html)

## **2. Laws and Policies Allowing the Superintendent to Develop This Compendium**

In 2014, Congress enacted Title 54- National Park Service and Related Programs to clarify its intentions as to the overall mission of the NPS. Title 54 conforms to the understood policy, intent, and purpose of the Congress in the original enactments or the laws governing the National Park Service.

By signing Title 54 into law, several previous laws that existed under Title 16 were repealed, including the National Park Service Organic Act, the National Park System General Authorities Act, the Historic Preservation Act, etc.

The National Park Service (NPS) is granted broad statutory authority under 54 United States Code (U.S.C.) to:

promote and regulate the use of the National Park System by means and measures that conform to the fundamental purpose of the System units, which purpose is to conserve the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wild life in the System units and to provide for the enjoyment of the scenery, natural and historic objects, and wild life in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations. ((54 U.S.C. 100101(a)).

In addition 54 U.S.C. 100751(a) allows the NPS, through the Secretary of the Interior, to "prescribe such regulations as the Secretary considers necessary or proper for the use and management of System units."

54 U.S.C. 100101(b) reaffirms the original intent of Congress in the establishment of the National Park Service by recognizing "...these areas, though distinct in character, are united through their interrelated purposes and resources into one National Park System as cumulative expressions of a single national heritage..."

54 U.S.C. 100101(2) reaffirms the high standard of protection defined in the original Organic Act by stating "Congress reaffirms, declares, and directs that the promotion and regulation of the various System units shall be consistent with and founded in the purpose established by subsection (a), to the common benefit of all the people of the United States."

54 U.S.C. 100501 defines the National Park System as "... any area of land and water administered by the Secretary, acting through the Director, for park, monument, historic, parkway, recreational, or other purposes."

In addition to the above statutory authority, the Superintendent is guided by established NPS policy as found in the *NPS Management Policies* (2006). The Superintendent is also guided by more specific policies promulgated by the Director, National Park Service, in the form of

Director's Orders. As stated in the Management Policies, the primary responsibility of the NPS is to protect and preserve our national natural and cultural resources while providing for the enjoyment of these resources by visitor and other users, as long as use does not impair specific park resources or overall visitor experience. The appropriateness of any particular visitor use or recreational experience is resource-based and will vary from park to park; therefore, a use or activity that is appropriate in one park area may not be appropriate in another. The Superintendent is directed to analyze overall park use and determine if any particular use is appropriate. Where conflict arises between use and resource protection, where the Superintendent has a reasonable basis to believe a resource is or would become impaired, then that Superintendent is obliged to place limitations on public use.

### **3. Consistency of This Compendium with Applicable Federal Law and Requirements**

The Superintendent's Compendium is not considered a significant rule requiring review by the Office of Management and Budget under Executive Order 12866. In addition, this Compendium will not have a significant economic effect on a number of small entities nor impose a significant cost on any local, state or tribal government or private organization, and therefore does not fall under the requirements of either the Regulatory Flexibility Act or the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.

The actions and requirements described in this Compendium are found to be categorically excluded from further compliance with the procedural requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in Department of the Interior (DOI) Guidelines 516 DM 6 and as such, an Environmental Assessment will not be prepared.

### **4. Development of the Requirements of the Superintendent's Compendium**

As outlined above, the NPS has broad authority and responsibility to determine what types of uses and activities are appropriate in any particular National Park System area. The requirements of the Superintendent's Compendium are developed through an analysis and determination process. The decision criteria used during this process are:

- Is the use or activity consistent with Title 54 and NPS policy?
- Is the use or activity consistent and compatible with the park's enabling legislation, management objectives, and corresponding management plans?
- Will the use or activity damage the park's protected natural and cultural resources and other protected values?
- Will the use or activity disturb or be in conflict with wildlife, vegetation, and environmental protection actions and values?
- Will the use or activity conflict with or be incompatible with traditional park uses and activities?
- Will the use or activity compromise employee or public safety?

### **5. Applicability of the Compendium**

The rules contained in this Compendium apply to all persons entering, using, visiting or otherwise present on Federally owned lands, including submerged lands and waters administered by the NPS within the legislative boundaries of the park. This includes all waters subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, including all navigable waters.

### **6. Enforcement of Compendium Requirements**

NPS Law Enforcement Park Rangers enforce the requirements of the United State Code, 36 CFR, and this Superintendent's Compendium.

### **7. Penalties for Not Adhering to the Compendium Requirements**

A person who violates any provision of the regulations found in 36 CFR, Parts 1-7, or provisions of this Compendium, is subject to a fine as provided by law (18 U.S.C. 3571) up to \$5,000 for individuals and \$10,000 for organizations, or by imprisonment not exceeding six months (18 U.S.C. 3559), or both, and shall be adjudged to pay all court costs associated with any court proceedings. You may receive a list of fines associated with any particular provision by contacting the Chief Ranger at the park address found below.

#### **8. Comments on the Compendium**

The Compendium is reviewed annually and revised as necessary. The park welcomes comments about its program and activities at any time.

Written comments on the Compendium may be submitted to:

Superintendent  
Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore  
9922 Front Street  
Empire, MI 49630

#### **9. Effective Date of the Superintendent Compendium**

The Superintendent's Compendium is effective on the approval date listed on the first page of this document, and remains in effect until revised.

#### **10. Additional Information**

Some of the terms used in this Compendium may have specific meaning defined in 36 CFR 1.4 *Definitions*.

#### **11. Availability**

Copies of the Compendium are available at the park Visitor Center, located in Empire, Michigan. It may also be found at the park's website at [www.nps.gov/slbe](http://www.nps.gov/slbe).

### **B. SUPERINTENDENT'S COMPENDIUM**

In accordance with regulations and the delegated authority provided in Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations ("36 CFR"), Chapter 1, Parts 1-7, authorized by Title 54 U.S.C. 100501, the following provisions apply to all lands and waters administered by the National Park Service, within the boundaries of Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore. Unless otherwise stated, these regulatory provisions apply in addition to the requirements contained in 36 CFR, Chapter 1, Parts 1-7.

Written determinations, which explain the reasoning behind the Superintendent's use of discretionary authority, as required by Section 1.5(c), appear in this document identified by italicized print.

#### **TREATY RIGHTS (1836), INLAND CONSENT DECREE, AND TRIBAL CONSERVATION CODE**

Nothing in this Compendium or its implementation is intended to modify, abrogate or otherwise adversely affect tribal reserved or treaty-guaranteed rights applicable within Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore. These rights include hunting and fishing. Accordingly, exceptions to the following regulatory provisions may involve the tribal exercise of treaty rights, including the use of weapons and nets as authorized by the treaty, the Inland Consent Decree of 2007, and the applicable Tribal Conservation Code.

## COMPENDIUM

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## **I. 36 CFR §1.5 - CLOSURES AND PUBLIC USE LIMITS**

### **Public Use Limits:**

- From May 1<sup>st</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup> glass containers are prohibited at the Dune Climb.
- From May 1<sup>st</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup> glass containers are prohibited on the shoreline and surface waters of the following lakes, rivers and creeks.

#### **Benzie County**

Bass Lake  
Loon Lake  
Otter Lake  
Otter Creek  
Platte River  
Round Lake  
Lake Michigan Shoreline

#### **Leelanau County**

Bass Lake  
Crystal River  
School Lake  
Shalda Creek  
Shell Lake  
Narada Lake  
North Bar Lake  
Tucker Lake  
Lake Michigan Shoreline

*Determination: The Superintendent has determined glass containers are prohibited on swimming beaches, lakes and other shorelines and at the Dune Climb in order to prevent the potential for injuries from barefoot visitors stepping on broken glass. The waterways of the park are used by swimmers and other water enthusiasts who are usually barefooted. Broken glass has caused serious injuries over the years. When glass is broken, the glass shards are difficult to clean up. It is almost always left buried in the sand or mud and presents a safety hazard. Glass containers are allowed in all developed campsites and picnic sites as well as in vehicles, on designated roads and parking areas. The Dune Climb has historically been closed to glass containers due to the high number of visitors who are barefoot in this large dune area.*

### **Closures:**

- All public use in any area closed by the Superintendent and identified with an official sign as closed is prohibited.
- The Pierce Stocking Scenic Drive will be closed to vehicular traffic each year when there is limited maintenance staff, visitation, and/or lack of funds. It will also be closed when weather conditions make travel hazardous for motor vehicles.
- Park campgrounds, or sections of park campgrounds, may be closed when there is limited maintenance staff, low visitation, or lack of funds to allow for re-vegetation and recovery, or weather. In addition, areas may be temporarily closed for a variety of reasons, including site restoration, protection of at-risk endangered or threatened animal and plant species, and protection of fragile cultural and historic sites.
- For the protection of fragile dune vegetation such as dune grass, activities other than walking, such as sports and games or sunbathing, are prohibited on vegetated areas of sand dunes.
- Entry into any posted closed or rehabilitation area located anywhere in the park is prohibited.
- The possession of firewood not originating from North and South Manitou Island is prohibited to prevent the spread of invasive pests and diseases.
- The following areas are closed to entry and visitor use for the protection and rehabilitation of fragile dune grasses and sand dune formations:
  - That area behind the posted closure signs between North Bar Lake and Lake Michigan.
- Entry into the Empire Park Maintenance area is limited to NPS and FAA employees and their authorized agents, and delivery and service personnel for the above listed agencies.
- Only authorized personnel are allowed to fire weapons on the park Firearms Range.
- Climbing upon the shipwreck Francisco Morazan is prohibited.

- The following areas are closed to swimming:
  - From public docks on the Manitou Islands.
  - Between Lake Michigan Road launch ramp and the downstream limit of dredged area at the mouth of Platte River while boat channel dredge is on site.
  - Diving from the shipwreck Francisco Morazan is prohibited.

**(a)(2) The following areas have been designated for a specific use or activity, under the conditions and/or restrictions as noted:**

### Hunting

Hunting is allowed in accordance with Michigan State laws and regulations, and with certain restrictions listed below.

The following park facilities are closed to hunting, which includes a 450 foot (137 meter) safety zone. The safety zone is defined as the area beginning at the edge or exterior boundary of any road, site or development and extending outward for 450 feet (137 meters).

- Platte River Campground
- D. H. Day Campground
- White Pine Backcountry campsites
- Group Campground near Dune Climb
- Dune Climb
- Pierce Stocking Scenic Drive (when open to traffic)
- Glen Lake Picnic Area
- Good Harbor Picnic Area
- Village area on North Manitou Island
- Village Campground on North Manitou Island
- Campgrounds on South Manitou Island: Weather Station, Bay and Popple
- Village area on South Manitou Island

Ground blinds may be built with natural dead and downed material, but must be dismantled within seven days of the close of the hunting season. When dismantling ground blinds, the area must be returned to its natural setting.

*Determination: No hunting safety zones are established to protect areas where high concentrations of visitors are common, thereby improving public safety.*

### Wilderness

In accordance with the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore Act. (P.L. 91-479), The Wilderness Act of 1964, Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore Conservation and Recreation Act. (P.L. 113-87), and subject to existing state, county, township and private rights, the use of mechanized equipment, motor vehicles, motor boats, wheeled devices and the landing of aircraft in the Wilderness areas is prohibited (except as necessary to meet minimum National Park Service administrative requirements and/or emergency situations).

Maps showing the Wilderness areas of the park are available at Park Headquarters in Empire, Michigan.

**The following restrictions and/or conditions are in effect for the specific uses or activities noted:**

Bus idling is prohibited except while loading or unloading passengers.

*Determination: The idling of bus engines adds unnecessary exhaust fumes to the air and diminishes the enjoyment by visitors of the peace and tranquility of the park.*

### Boating

The following lakes and creeks are in Wilderness and/or are not accessible by road and are closed to the use of all power-driven vessels:

<u>Benzie County</u>	<u>Leelanau County</u>
Bass Lake	Florence Lake (South Manitou Island)
Deer Lake	Hidden Lake
Mud Lake	Lake Manitou (North Manitou Island)
Otter Lake	Narada Lake
Round Lake	North Bar Lake
	Shalda Creek
	Shell Lake
	Tamarack Lake (North Manitou Island)

Power-driven vessels are limited to two-horsepower motors on the following lakes:

<u>Leelanau County</u>
Bass Lake
Tucker Lake

Vessels may not create a wake or exceed 5 mph in the following areas:

<u>Benzie County</u>	<u>Leelanau County</u>
Loon Lake	School Lake
Platte River	Crystal River

*Determination: The lakes where boats are limited to two-horsepower motors are to provide for natural quiet and reduce visitor impact as specified in the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore General Management Plan Wilderness Study/Environmental Impact Statement of 2009. These lakes are in the "Experience Nature Zone" where visitors can experience a more natural setting. No-wake zones are designated to provide for public safety and to help reduce shoreline erosion caused by boat wakes.*

The temporary mooring of private boats to National Park Service docks located on the Manitou Islands is limited to thirty minutes from May 1st through November 20th. Mooring of private boats shall not interfere with Manitou Island Transit and National Park Service operations to ensure visitor and employee safety.

*Determination: Temporary access to the docks located on the Manitou Islands is necessary to allow for unloading passengers and gear but must be restricted in time and priority due to limited space and overriding operational priorities of the National Park Service to ensure visitor and employee safety.*

The temporary mooring of private boats to the Platte River Picnic Area boardwalk, and to the Loon Lake dock is limited to one hour.

*Determination: Restrictions to the temporary mooring of private boats at the Platte River Picnic Area boardwalk and Loon Lake dock is due to the high volume of visitation and congestion that limits safe access to launch sites.*

The mooring of vessels to the shipwreck Francisco Morazan is prohibited.



*Determination: Due to the deteriorated condition of the Francisco Morazan and the distance to emergency care, the shipwreck is hazardous. The mooring of vessels to the wreck poses a risk to visitors who might be injured while trying to tie to or climb upon the rusting hull of the Francisco Morazan.*

### Unmanned Aircraft

#### Closures:

Launching, landing, or operating an unmanned aircraft from or on lands and waters administered by the National Park Service (NPS) within the boundaries of Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore is prohibited except as approved in writing by the superintendent.

*Definition: The term "unmanned aircraft" means a device that is used or intended to be used for flight in the air without the possibility of direct human intervention from within or on the device, and the associated operational elements and components that are required for the pilot or system operator in command to operate or control the device (such as cameras, sensors, communication links.) This term includes all types of devices that meet this definition (e.g. model airplanes, quadcopters, drones) that are used for any purpose, including for recreation or commerce.*

*Determination: Pursuant to Policy Memorandum 14-05 issued on June 19, 2014 by NPS Director Jonathan B. Jarvis, this interim policy is necessary to maintain public health and safety in units of the National Park System and to protect park resources and values until the NPS can determine whether specific uses of unmanned aircraft on land and waters administered by the NPS are appropriate and will not cause unacceptable impacts on park resources and values.*

*The use of unmanned aircraft within the boundaries of Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore has the potential to harm visitors, disturb wildlife, impact view sheds, cause excessive noise, and interfere with other visitors' enjoyment of the area. A less restrictive approach is not appropriate at this time due to the impacts the devices could potentially present to visitor safety, park values, and to park resources. The interim closure will safeguard these values while the NPS considers how to address this new use on a long-term basis.*

### Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS)

#### Closures:

The use of e-cigarettes and other Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS) will be subject to the same restrictions as tobacco smoking. ENDS use will not be allowed in any indoor and outdoor area where smoking is prohibited.

*Definition: The term "Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems" or ENDS encompasses all forms of vaping, the process of inhaling vaporized nicotine, flavorings and other chemicals with a battery-powered device. Electronic or e-cigarettes are a type of ENDS.*

*Determination: Pursuant to Policy Memorandum 15-03 issued on September 10, 2015 by NPS Director Jonathan B. Jarvis, this interim policy is necessary to maintain public health and safety in units of the National Park System.*

*Current research indicates that vaping aerosols have at least some level of risk for nearby people in areas with limited ventilation and people with compromised health conditions. Available published studies evaluating the potential hazardous effects of the natural and/or synthetic chemicals used in ENDS indicate that potential health effects exist for users and those exposed secondhand.*

*The Division of Pharmaceutical Analysis of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recently analyzed the ingredients in a sample of cartridges from two leading brands of ENDS, and found the devices emitted (1) tobacco-specific nitrosamines (a human carcinogen), and (2) diethylene glycol, a chemical used in antifreeze that is toxic to humans.*

## Skis, Snowboards, Sleds, or Similar Equipment

### Closures:

The use of skis, snowboards, sleds, toboggans, saucer sleds, inflatable tubes or similar equipment on sand dunes is prohibited except when snow covered.

At the Dune Climb, the use of skis, snowboards, sleds, toboggans, saucer sleds, inflatable tubes or similar equipment is restricted to use within the designated snow covered area.

*Determination: It is recognized that the use of skis, snowboards, sleds, toboggans, saucer sleds, inflatable tubes or similar equipment on sand dunes has an effect on dune areas by impacting sensitive vegetation, causing soil compaction and erosion.*

*The uses of such devices poses a visitor use conflict when areas are not covered by snow and are hazardous to the public in high use areas.*

*During winter months when the dune areas are covered in snow the use of such devices are in line with the recreational activities of visitors and has a reduced impact on the resource.*

*Activity is restricted within a designated area at the Dune Climb because of the high volume of visitor use and to restrict visitor use outside of areas susceptible to snow avalanches.*

## **II. 36 CFR §1.6 - ACTIVITIES THAT REQUIRE A PERMIT**

(f) The following is a compilation of those activities for which a permit from the Superintendent is required. Engaging in any of the listed activities without a permit is prohibited.

- §1.5(d) The following activities originating and/or terminating within the park boundary require a written Special Use Permit:

<u>Special Use Permits</u>	<u>36 CFR Section</u>
- Deer hunt - North Manitou Island	2.2
- Research specimen collection	2.5
- Camping/Backcountry use	2.10
- Ice auger or power engine	2.12(a)(3)
- Recreation User Fee	2.23
- Soliciting	2.37
- Special events*	2.50
(*includes flying of radio-controlled gliders)	
- Public assembly	2.51
- Sale of printed material	2.52
- Scattering of human ashes	2.62(b)
- Powerless Flight	7.80(a)
<u>Commercial Permits</u>	<u>36 CFR Section</u>
- Load, weight, and size limits*	4.11
(*house movers)	
- Commercial activities	5.1- 5.14
- Business operations	5.3
- Commercial vehicles	5.6
- Construction of buildings/facilities	5.7

### III. GENERAL REGULATIONS

#### 36 CFR §2.1 - PRESERVATION OF NATURAL, CULTURAL AND ARCHEOLOGICAL RESOURCES

(a)(4) Dead wood on the ground, including driftwood, may be collected for use as fuel for campfires within the park.

Wood found in all dune ghost forest areas is to be left undisturbed.

Dead and down scrap wood that is a result of *official* right-of-way cutting activities or of authorized park tree removal projects may be removed from within road rights-of-way for use outside the park.

(c)(1), (c)(2) The following fruits, nuts, and berries may be gathered by hand for personal use or consumption, in accordance with the noted size, quantity, collection sites and/or use or consumption restrictions:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Daily Quantity Allowed/Person</u> <u>U.S. Measure/Metric Eq.</u>
Apples	one bu./35 liters
Apricots	one gal./4 liters
Asparagus	one gal./4 liters
Blackberries	one gal./4 liters
Black walnuts	one gal./4 liters
Blueberries	one gal./4 liters
Chokecherries	one gal./4 liters
Elderberries	one gal./4 liters
Serviceberries	one gal./4 liters
Edible Mushrooms (Fruiting bodies only)	one gal./4 liters
Pears	one bu./35 liters
Plums	one gal./4 liters
Raspberries	one gal./4 liters
Rhubarb	one gal./4 liters
Rose hips	one gal./4 liters
Sand cherries	one gal./4 liters
Peaches	one gal./4 liters
Strawberries	one gal./4 liters
Grapes	one gal./4 liters

The collection of wildflowers is prohibited.

*Determination: Collection of small amounts of these items will not adversely affect the park wildlife, the reproduction potential of these species, or otherwise adversely affect park resources.*

*A mushroom is specifically defined as "the fleshy, spore-bearing fruiting body of a fungus." The intent of allowing mushroom collection is that the collection of these fruiting bodies is akin to the collection of fruit from a tree or shrub.*

*The collection of the vegetative body (mycellium) or dead sterile portions that form from a fruiting body of a mushroom is prohibited.*

#### 36 CFR §2.2 - WILDLIFE PROTECTION

(b)(3) Trapping is prohibited.

(d) The transporting of lawfully taken wildlife through the park is permitted under the following conditions and procedures:

- The harvested animal must be tagged and transported in accordance with state law.

### **36 CFR §2.3 - FISHING**

(a) Fishing in the park is allowed in accordance with applicable Federal and state laws and regulations as authorized by §7.80(b), with the following special condition:

(d)(8) Fishing is permitted from the public docks on the Manitou Islands providing it does not interfere with the safe and orderly landing of vessels or the safe and orderly management of other authorized activities.

### **36 CFR §2.10 - CAMPING**

(a) *Permits are required for all camping; special conditions for camping as follows:*

Camping is allowed only at designated locations on the mainland and on South Manitou Island. On North Manitou Island, camping is allowed island-wide, using Wilderness camping techniques which include: using a compact gas/alcohol cooking stove, pack out of all trash, no tent trenching, and other minimum impact methods.

A campsite must be occupied by the individual registered for the campsite on the date(s) of occupancy.

After registering for a campsite, campers may not change sites without notifying campground Park Rangers.

There is a camping limit of 14 total calendar days per designated campground for all individuals camping within the National Lakeshore from Friday of Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day.

Camping equipment may not remain in place on a site beyond the 14 day stay limit, even if used by a different person or group.

Benches and picnic tables are not to be moved out of the campsite or to/from community fire ring areas.

No Hazardous waste, flammable or combustible materials, or propane tanks may be disposed of in refuse receptacles.

Generator use is prohibited in the Platte River Campground.

Generator use is prohibited in all D. H. Day Campground sites, EXCEPT sites 1 through 31, and is only allowed between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. at those sites.

D. H. Day and Platte River Campground campers must register upon arrival. Campers wishing to extend their stay must re-register before 8:00 p.m. of the day before the camping permit expires. Checkout time is 12:00 p.m. (noon).

South Manitou Island campers must vacate their campsite on the day of their departure by 11:30 a.m. to allow incoming campers optimum campsite selection.

Campground size/use limits are as follows:

<u>Campground</u>	<u>People/Site</u>
D. H. Day	No more than six persons may occupy a site. Only one truck camper or one camper trailer, or one motor home are allowed on each site. Tents must stay inside pads.  No more than two passenger vehicles, OR four motorcycles are allowed per site.
Platte River	No more than six persons may occupy a site. Only one truck camper or one camper trailer or one motor home are allowed on each site and must stay on paved surfaces. Tents must stay inside pads.
Mainland Group Sites	Limited to 7-25 people per site. Tent camping only.
White Pine	2 tents/site. No more than 4 people per site.

South Manitou Island

Bay, Weather Station & Popple Campground	2 tents/site. No more than 4 people per site.
Group Sites at Bay & Weather Station	Limited to 9-20 persons/site, and a maximum of 10 tents/site.

North Manitou Island

Village Campground	2 tents/site. No more than 4 people per site.
Backcountry Camping	2 tents/permit. No more than 4 people per permit.

Group backcountry camping on North Manitou Island is limited to 10 persons per permit.

On North Manitou Island, camping is prohibited at the following locations:

In the 27 acre (11 hectare) village.

Within 300 feet (90 meters) of the Lake Michigan high water mark, Lake Manitou and Tamarack, other campsites, and buildings, including historic farm structures.

Camping is prohibited on any trail.

### **36 CFR §2.12 - AUDIO DISTURBANCES**

- (a)(3) Pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit, operation of an ice auger or power engine is authorized on the frozen surface of designated lakes for the specific purpose of cutting through the ice surface to provide access for legal ice fishing activity.

*Ice auger* means a portable gasoline, propane or electric powered engine connected to a rotating helical shaft for boring through the frozen surface of a lake.

*Power engine* means a mobile gasoline, propane or electric powered engine or device connected to a rotating saw blade or teeth linked in an endless chain for cutting through the frozen surface of a lake.

The following lakes are designated for use of an ice auger or power engine as defined with a free permit obtained at the visitor center in Empire.

Benzie County  
Lake Michigan  
Loon Lake

Leelanau County  
Lake Michigan  
School Lake  
Bass Lake  
Tucker Lake

### **36 CFR §2.13 - FIRES**

- (a) Open fires, including charcoal fires, may be lit and maintained only at the following locations:

Campground grills - individual and community type grills installed expressly for open fires.

Any mainland public Lake Michigan beach area between the edge of the water and the toe of the first dune.

All open fires on the Manitou Islands must be contained in a fire ring or grill installed by the National Park Service for this purpose. On South Manitou Island, these are located in the campgrounds and in the Bay area, on the beach. On North Manitou Island, these are located in the Village Campground.

Picnic sites - fire ring or grill.

Wood burning stoves are prohibited, except inside tents or shelters during the North Manitou Island deer hunt.

Hanging lanterns on or against trees is prohibited.

The use of kerosene, gas-fueled or alcohol-fueled lanterns or stoves, candles or other such devices are prohibited on the porch of, and within the D. H. Day Campground Log Cabin.

- (b) All fires must be extinguished with water -- NOT BURIED.

### **36 CFR §2.14 - SANITATION AND REFUSE**

- (b) Where toilet facilities are not provided, human waste will be disposed of in a shallow hole at least six inches (15 centimeters) deep, and covered with earth.

### **36 CFR §2.15 - PETS**

- (a) Pets are generally permitted within the National Lakeshore EXCEPT in the following areas where they are prohibited:

Dune section of the Dune Climb and within the designated winter activities area when posted.

White Pine backcountry campsites.

All Group campsites.

North and South Manitou Island. All pets, including hunting dogs. (This does not apply to guide dogs accompanying visually impaired persons or hearing ear dogs accompanying hearing-impaired persons).

Beach from County Road 669 access east to County Road 651 access.

Beach just south of the North Bar Lake outlet to the Maritime Museum, including the Maritime Museum grounds.

Beach from Peterson beach access north to Esch beach access.

Beach from the southern-most park boundary north to Old Railroad Grade Trail/Platte Campground Trail.

Any other areas where "NO PETS" signs are posted after a determination by the Superintendent that a specific conflict exists requiring such a closure.

Pets are prohibited at the following designated cross-country ski trails during the periods of December 1 through March 31:

Alligator Hill  
Bay View  
Good Harbor Bay  
Old Indian  
Platte Plains Trail System (including Bass Lake, Otter Creek, and Lasso Loop Trails)  
Shauger Hill  
Sleeping Bear Heritage Trail  
Windy Moraine

- (5) Pet excrement will be cleaned up and disposed of in trash receptacles by pet owner.
- (b) Hunting dogs are not considered pets when used in conjunction with authorized hunting activities during the mainland firearms seasons set by the State of Michigan. Training of hunting dogs in the park is prohibited.

### **36 CFR §2.16 - HORSES AND PACK ANIMALS**

- (a) At Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, the Alligator Hill Trail system is the only area designated for use by horses. Horses may be used on the Alligator Hill Trail System from April 1 to November 30.

Horses may be used on the county road rights-of-way, but may not be used outside of the county road rights-of-way.

### **36 CFR §2.20 – SKATING, SKATEBOARDS AND SIMILAR DEVICES**

The Sleeping Bear Heritage Trail is a designated area for the use of roller skates, skateboards, roller skis, coasting vehicles and/or similar devices.

*Determination: The use of skates, skateboards and similar devices on the hard-surfaced Heritage Trail will not adversely affect park resources. These devices are not allowed to be ridden outside of the multi-use Sleeping Bear Heritage Trail, to prevent safety issues that might occur with motor vehicle traffic.*

### **36 CFR §2.21 - SMOKING**

- (a) Smoking is prohibited in all National Park Service buildings open to the public, including offices, workspace, storage areas, and other facilities, and all historic structures, including those used as quarters.

### **36 CFR §2.23 - RECREATION FEES**

- (b) Recreation fees, and/or a permit, in accordance with 36 CFR, Part 71, are established for the following entrance fee areas, and/or for the use of the following specialized sites, facilities, equipment or services, or for participation in the following group activity, recreation events or specialized recreation uses:

#### **ENTRANCE FEES/PASSES:**

<b>PARK PASS *</b>	Valid 1-7 Days From Date of Issue.....	\$15.00
<b>ANNUAL PARK PASS</b>	Valid for One Year from Month of Purchase.....	\$30.00
<b>PER-PERSON **</b>	Valid 1-7 Days From Date of Issue.....	\$ 7.00
<b>MOTORCYCLE</b>	Valid 1-7 Days From Date of Issue.....	\$10.00
<b>INTERAGENCY ACCESS PASS</b>	Lifetime, Disabled.....	No Charge
<b>INTERAGENCY SENIOR PASS</b>	Lifetime, U.S. Citizen, 62 Years and Over.....	\$10.00
<b>INTERAGENCY ANNUAL PASS</b>	Valid for One Year from Month of Purchase.....	\$80.00

\* For Private Vehicles.

**INTERAGENCY MILITARY PASS**...Valid for One Year from Month of Purchase..... No Charge  
**INTERAGENCY 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE PASS**...Valid September through August with Voucher..... No Charge

\*\* Charged to visitors 16 years of age or older who enter the park on foot, bicycle, motorcycle (per rider), or in vehicles owned or rented by an organized group not involved in commercial tours.

#### **COMMERCIAL VEHICLE FEES (Dependent upon the number of seats in the vehicle):**

<b>SEDANS</b>	1-6 Passenger Vehicle.....	\$25.00***
<b>VANS</b>	7-15 Passenger Vehicle.....	\$40.00
<b>MINI-BUS</b>	16-25 Passenger Vehicle.....	\$40.00
<b>MOTOR COACH</b>	26 or More Passenger Vehicle .....	\$100.00

\*\*\*Sedans - \$25.00 commercial fee plus \$7.00 per-person fee for each passenger 16 years of age or older, maximum fee \$40.00

### **CAMPING FEES**

<b><u>CAMPGROUND/AREA</u></b>	<b><u>TOTAL # OF SITES</u></b>	<b><u>RESERVABLE SITES</u></b>	<b><u>FEE PER NIGHT</u></b>
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#### **D. H. DAY CAMPGROUND (Open 04-01-16 to 11-28-16):**

<b>CAMP SITES</b> .....1-6 Persons.....88	0	\$16.00
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#### **D. H. DAY GROUP CAMPGROUND (Open All Year):**



GROUP CAMPSITES .....7-25 Persons.....4	4	\$40.00
(Reservations Required 05-01-16 to 10-15-16)		

**PLATTE RIVER CAMPGROUND (Open All Year):**

ELECTRICAL HOOKUP.....1-6 Persons.....96	68	\$27.00
(Number of sites available limited during winter months)		
(Reservable Campsites, 05-15-16 to 10-15-16)		

NON-ELECTRIC.....1-6 Persons.....53	32	\$22.00
(Open through fall color season)		
(Reservable Campsites, 05-15-16 to 10-15-16)		

WALK IN SITES.....1-6 Persons.....25	17	\$18.00
(Open through fall color season)		
(Reservable Campsites 05-15-16 to 10-15-16)		

PLATTE RIVER GROUP.....7-25 Persons.....5	5	\$50.00
(Open through fall color season)		
(Reservations Required 05-15-16 to 10-15-16)		

**BACKCOUNTRY SITES (Open All Year):**

WHITE PINE CAMPGROUND.....6	0	\$10.00
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**SOUTH MANITOU ISLAND (via Passenger Ferry or Private Boat):**

BAY CAMPGROUND.....1-4 Person .....25	0	\$10.00
GROUP SITES.....9-20 Persons.....3	3	\$30.00
(Reservations Required 05-27-16 to 09-18-16)		

WEATHER STATION.....1-4 Persons.....20	0	\$10.00
GROUP SITES.....9-20 Persons.....3	3	\$30.00
(Reservations Required 05-27-16 to 09-18-16)		
POPPLE .....1-4 Persons.....7	0	\$10.00

**NORTH MANITOU ISLAND (via Passenger Ferry or Private Boat):**

VILLAGE CAMPGROUND.....1-4 Persons.....8	0	\$10.00
BACKCOUNTRY CAMPING...1-4 Persons.....Unlimited	0	\$10.00
GROUP CAMPING.....5-10 Person.....Unlimited	0	\$20.00

**CAMPING RESERVATIONS:** .....National Recreation Reservation Service.....1-877-444-6777  
or <http://www.recreation.gov>

**ALL PASSES ARE NON-TRANSFERABLE**

- A Park Pass is required for using any park lands or facilities, including North and South Manitou Island.
- Camping Fees with the Senior and Access Passes are Half-Price (not including Electricity and Group Campsites)

**36 CFR §2.51 - PUBLIC ASSEMBLIES, MEETINGS**

All areas in the National Lakeshore may be available as First Amendment and printed material distribution areas depending upon the nature of the permit request.  
The following are designated as First Amendment and printed material distribution areas within the National Lakeshore. They are delineated as follows:

Dune Climb: Permittee(s) may circulate between the curb of the parking lot and the toe of the dune. All visitor contacts are to be at least 50 feet (15.24 meters) from any building and the Sleeping Bear Heritage Trail. (Leelanau County)

Glen Lake Picnic Area: Permittee(s) may circulate between the curb of the parking lot and the water's edge. All visitor contacts are to be at least 50 feet (15.24 meters) from any building. (Leelanau County)

NPS South Parking Lot at the end of Lake Michigan Road.

Permittee(s) may circulate within the edge of the curb of the parking lot. All visitor contacts are to be at least 50 feet (15.24 meters) from any building. (Benzie County)

### **36 CFR §3.16 - SWIMMING AND WADING**

The following areas are closed to swimming and wading.

From public docks on the Manitou Islands.

Between Lake Michigan Road launch ramp and the downstream limit of dredged area at the mouth of Platte River while the boat channel dredge is on site.

Diving from the shipwreck Francisco Morazan is prohibited.

### **36 CFR §4.10 - TRAVEL ON PARK ROADS AND ROUTES**

Self-balancing electric personal transportation devices, and electric scooters, are allowed to operate on the Sleeping Bear Heritage Trail for the purpose of providing disability access, as long as they have a noise making device attached to allow for an audible warning to pedestrians and others using the trail.

Track-laying motor vehicles may be used to remove excess buildings from park land only after a plan has been submitted and approved by the Superintendent.

### **36 CFR §4.21 - SPEED LIMITS**

(b) The following speed limits are established for the routes/roads indicated:

The speed limit on the Pierce Stocking Scenic Drive is 20 mph (32 kph) and is posted.

### **36 CFR §4.30 - BICYCLES**

Bicycle use is permitted on park roads, parking areas, and on the following designated routes:

The Pierce Stocking Scenic Drive bicycle route will follow the right edge of the roadway surface delineated by white stripping, between ½ hour before Sunrise and ½ hour after Sunset.

Completed sections of the multi-use Heritage Trail, between ½ hour before Sunrise and ½ hour after Sunset.

Electric personal assistive mobility devices and electric-assist bicycles may be used on the Pierce Stocking Scenic Drive bicycle route, the completed sections of the multi-use Heritage Trail, park roads and parking lots.

Bicycle riders on the multi-use Heritage Trail shall yield to other riders and users on the trail to allow easy passage.

Bicycles must be operated at speeds reasonable for existing conditions.

Motor vehicles, ATVs, UTVs, snowmobiles and other motorized transportation vehicles are prohibited on the multi-use Heritage Trail.

*Determination: The use of bicycles on park roads, parking lots and on the hard-surfaced Heritage Trail will not adversely affect park resources. Bicycles are not allowed to be ridden outside of these specific areas, to prevent negative impacts on visitor use and the natural resources.*

### **36 CFR §7.80 (a) SPECIAL REGULATIONS**

Powerless flight activity requires a permit (reference §1.6), and it will be allowed from the following designated and signed areas:

- Empire Bluff
- Pyramid Point
- Pierce Stocking Scenic Drive (Lake Michigan Overlook)
- Dune Climb (Between November 1 and March 31 only)

Powerless flight activity is only approved for hang gliding and paragliding. Hot air ballooning is prohibited.

# DESIGNATED FIRST AMENDMENT AREA Dune Climb and Glen Lake Picnic Area



## DESIGNATED FIRST AMENDMENT AREA Lake Michigan Road - Platte Point



# Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore

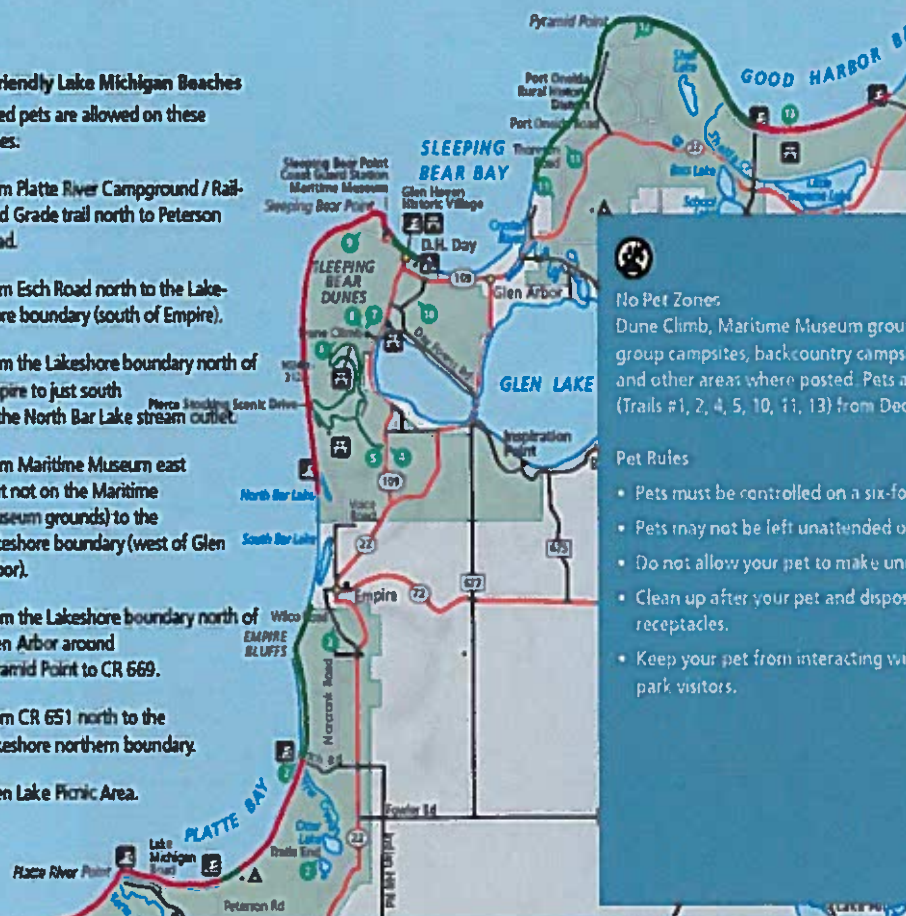


## Pets in the Park

### Pet Friendly Lake Michigan Beaches

Leashed pets are allowed on these beaches:

- From Platte River Campground / Railroad Grade trail north to Peterson Road.
- From Esch Road north to the Lakeshore boundary (south of Empire).
- From the Lakeshore boundary north of Empire to just south of the North Bar Lake stream outlet.
- From Maritime Museum east (but not on the Maritime Museum grounds) to the Lakeshore boundary (west of Glen Arbor).
- From the Lakeshore boundary north of Glen Arbor around Pyramid Point to CR 669.
- From CR 651 north to the Lakeshore northern boundary.
- Glen Lake Picnic Area.



— NO pets allowed  
— Pets allowed



### No Pet Zones

Dune Climb, Maritime Museum grounds, North Bar Lake, Platte Point Beach, group campsites, backcountry campsites, North and South Manitou Islands, and other areas where posted. Pets are not allowed on designated ski trails (Trails #1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 11, 13) from December 1 to March 31.

### Pet Rules

- Pets must be controlled on a six-foot leash.
- Pets may not be left unattended or tied to an object.
- Do not allow your pet to make unreasonable noise.
- Clean up after your pet and dispose of waste in trash receptacles.
- Keep your pet from interacting with wildlife or disturbing park visitors.